

OMAHA MILITIA TO USE MOTORCYCLES

Detachment Formed from Ranks of Company C, Fourth Infantry, Nebraska National Guards.

TO MAP NEBRASKA ROADS

Motorcycle militia is the latest wrinkle in the National Guard, and Omaha has the first organization of that kind west of New York, so far as is known.

A detachment of twenty-two members has been recruited from the ranks of Company C, Fourth Infantry, Nebraska National Guard, by Captain Irvin V. Todd.

They are already planning to use the first good weather on a Sunday for motorcycle maneuvers, scouting and mapping, between Omaha and Lincoln. The idea is to broaden the militia work, keep it up to date in a military way, make the organization more efficient and its activities more interesting, in accordance with the general program of preparedness, now so much in vogue.

To Map Out Routes.

On the first trip, to Lincoln, the detachment will take along a motor truck for extra supplies and also its own pilot car, a Paige racer, owned by Captain Hamilton of Company B. Returning from Lincoln the wheeled soldiers will spread out to cover all the different roads, the bridges, the available camping sites, water supplies and forage for animals, whether roads are passable by heavy artillery, and all other information desired for the movement of troops.

Other similar trips will be made every two weeks to various towns in eastern Nebraska, when roads will be mapped and information noted from a military point of view.

In the organization of the new motorcycle detachment Captain Todd was assisted by his lieutenants, Thomas K. Kerschner and William F. Broad. They hope to raise the membership from its present quota of twenty-two to about forty.

Fairmont Creamery Men Gather at the Big Annual Spread

Last night was the date for the thirty-third annual dinner given by the Fairmont Creamery company to its traveling representatives. There were seventy-five of these men in attendance, coming from pretty nearly every state in the union. The place where the big feed was spread was at the Hotel Rome and it was one of the jolliest gatherings that has been seen at that hostelry in a long time.

The menu carried about everything that would tempt the palate of man, and the toasts and amusement card provided for equally as good things. As the dancers were in evidence, their songs and capers pleasing all.

After the feast and after the cigars had been lighted toasts were responded to by numerous of the officials and representatives and it was close to midnight before the twenty-five members on the program were disposed of. The following pupils of the Chambers' school of dancing offered vocal, recitative and dancing numbers:

London Papers Are Lavish in Praise of President's Stand

LONDON, Feb. 26.—President's Wilson's letter to Senator Stone is published this morning and affords the London daily newspapers the greatest satisfaction. A majority of the newspapers print editorials on it.

"The president words have the right ring to them," says the Daily Chronicle. "He makes plain to the whole world that the United States is unshakable in its resolve to reject the inhuman demand of Germany. In fact, the whole substance of the letter proves that, for all his patience and forbearance, the president has a clear objective, which he steadily pursues, and that when there is need to strike he can strike hard."

The Times says: "The president remains immovably true to his lofty moral attitude. In how far he will carry the country's opinion with him in the contingencies that may arise it would be injudicious to speculate. But it is the issue what it may, President Wilson deserves credit for standing manfully to his guns."

Turkey Attempts to Recapture Erzerum

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Turkey is making great efforts to dispatch troops to the Russian front in an endeavor to recapture Erzerum, says the Bucharest correspondent of the Times. All ordinary traffic on the railway from the Bosphorus to Ankara has been stopped, according to the correspondent and trains conveying troops and supplies are running incessantly, but as the distance from Ankara to Erzerum will consume at least a month's march there is little likelihood of the success of the movement.

OMAHA WANTS TESTING OF BRICK MADE IN CITY

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 25.—The convention of the National Brickmakers' association closed today with the installation of officers elected Thursday. It was decided to continue tests of brick in connection with the United States bureau of standards. The executive committee was given authority to name the city for the next convention, New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore, St. Louis, Providence and Omaha are seeking it.

Letter Carriers Auxiliary Elects



McKinley Club Not Ready to Endorse Any Candidates

Harry S. Byrne was re-elected president of the McKinley club last evening at a meeting held at the Rome. The organization was well represented and harmony prevailed. The other officers elected for the ensuing year were:

Vice Presidents—P. S. Tucker, Florence; David Kirschbaum, Bennington; P. J. Martin, South Side; C. L. Mather, Benson; Willis Crosby, Omaha; Judge Leslie, Dundee.

Secretary—David Fitch. Treasurer—George W. Haverstick. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws—T. J. McGuire, Michael Clark and C. L. Mather.

Henry Murphy acted as temporary chairman of the meeting. President Byrne reported the membership of the club at 1,000. He thanked his friends for the honor again conferred upon him. It was the sense of the meeting that the club shall not endorse any candidates before the primary in April.

Senator Shumway of Wakefield, candidate for lieutenant governor, made a brief talk in which he predicted a republican victory this year, basing his statement upon sentiments he has heard from all over the state.

Oliver S. Erwin took exception to certain proceedings of the meeting, but after failing to receive support from even one member, gave up his attempt to "start something."

BURIAL OF STEVEN C. BECK TAKES PLACE AT EDGAR

EDGAR, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The last rites of one of Edgar's most distinguished citizens were held yesterday afternoon at the burial of Steven C. Beck. The funeral ceremony of the Masons was used, the officers of Edgar lodge taking the ritualistic parts. Rev. W. W. Hull, pastor of the Edgar Methodist Episcopal church, preached the sermon, and Rev. Cyrus Wells of Ong assisted in the prayer service. Masons from Clay county were also in attendance. The pallbearers were veterans of the civil war. The Woman's Relief Corps and Daughters of the American Revolution marched to the church in a body. The body, wrapped in the United States flag, was buried in the Edgar cemetery.

READY TO DELVE INTO THE PAST IF OPPONENTS ARE

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The investigation before the Civil Service commission of Mrs. Page Walter Eaton's charge that she was compelled to divide her salary with her superior officer, Mrs. Louie E. Osborne Rowe, head of the city department of public welfare, was continued here today.

At one stage of the hearing Mrs. Eaton touched on her acquaintance with the late Dwight M. Babin, once United States Senator from Minnesota, and insisted that he be permitted to question the witness at length.

Reynold Stedman, Mrs. Eaton's attorney, protested that the incidents were not germane to the investigation and declared that if the past was to be delved into he would insist on a complete inquiry which would include others besides his client.

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Export Trade Declines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The country's export trade declined during January, though the month's total was far above that for the same month of last year. Figures made public tonight by the Commerce department show that value of exports was \$77,000,000 compared with \$82,000,000 for December. The increase over January, 1915, was nearly \$8,000,000.

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